

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1 and 2 (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) The high pressure cleaning head of claim 2 9, wherein the diffuser is effective for approximately 2 inches from at least one side of the cleaning head.

4. (Currently amended) The high pressure cleaning head of claim 2 9, wherein the ~~diffuser~~ perforated sheet is an expanded metal grid.

Claims 5 and 6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The high pressure cleaning head of claim 4 9, wherein two diffusers are located on each side of the leaning head.

Claim 8 (Canceled)

9. (New) A high pressure cleaning head comprising:

a rotatable spray head having rotatable spray arms for directing a cleaning agent to surface to be cleaned by successive overlapping passes of the cleaning head;

a diffuser to inhibit the cleaning action of the spray arms on at least one side of the cleaning head and thereby prevent striping on the surface to be cleaned due to the overlapping passes of the cleaning head; and

wherein the diffuser is a perforated sheet with perforations graduated in size, and decreasing in size toward the outside of the cleaning head.

10. (New) A high pressure cleaning apparatus comprising:

a frame;

a handle connected to the frame for guiding the cleaning apparatus over a surface to be cleaned;

a housing mounted on the frame and having a first top wall;

a cleaning chamber positioned within the housing and having a second top wall;

a suction manifold formed between the first top wall and the second top wall, and ports in the cleaning chamber in communication with the suction manifold;

a rotatable cleaning fluid spray head having multiple spray nozzles supported below the second top wall by a journal housing; and

a diffuser to inhibit the cleaning action of the spray nozzles mounted on at least one side of the cleaning chamber to prevent striping on the surface to be cleaned due to the overlapping passes of the multiple spray nozzles.

11. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 10 including two diffuser mounted on opposite sides of the cleaning chamber.

12. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 11 wherein each diffuser is an expanded metal grid.

13. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 11 wherein each diffuser is a perforated sheet.

14. (New) An apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein the perforated sheet has perforations graduated in size, and decreasing in size toward the outer edge of the cleaning chamber.